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Mr. Vic Holanda, Director
San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning & Building
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Mr. Holanda:

High Plains Ranch II, LLC (the "Applicant") respectfully submits to the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning & Building (the "Department") the attached Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for California Valley Solar Ranch (the "Project"), a proposed 250 Megawatt (MW) Solar Ranch located in California Valley, San Luis Obispo County (the "County").

The Project will be located on private land, including an abandoned ranch and defunct gypsum mine, and will be owned by High Plains Ranch II, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SunPower Corporation, Systems ("SunPower"). Using SunPower's high-efficiency photovoltaic (PV) solar panels installed on a tilted-tracking system, the Project will produce enough electricity to power approximately 90,000 homes, and is scheduled to start delivering energy in 2010.

There is not a moment to lose. Electricity generation from burning fossil fuels is the single biggest contributor to carbon emissions, fueling a global climate crisis that threatens the health of our environment, or economy, and ourselves. How we, as a global community, choose to confront this challenge (or do not) will define our generation and set our course for the next century.

The time to act is now. Policy-makers at all levels, particularly in California, have laid the foundation for government, business, and citizens to work together to build a new, environmentally and economically sustainable future. Decision-makers at all levels must build on these policies by using their influence and power to act for tangible results.

The California Valley Solar Ranch represents an historic opportunity to make a major impact and lead the effort toward replacing conventional brown power with sustainable green energy. SunPower is dedicated to this vision with a successful track record of deploying 500 solar PV projects. This project is designed to leverage the County's unique combination of existing transmission capacity and high solar resource as identified by the General Plan.

The attached California Valley Solar Ranch CUP application provides specific details about the Project. We look forward to working collaboratively with your department throughout the California Valley Solar Ranch CUP application process.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime at (310) 686-1264 or by email at Paul.McMillan@sunpowercorp.com.

Sincerely,



Paul McMillan